

Vehicles 4

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sale of 1954 Dodge

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1. When refusal of my request to return to [REDACTED] for settlement of my affairs came through, I was assured by General Counsel and the Inspector General that everything would be done to assist us to settle our affairs in [REDACTED] especially in regard to the sale of our car, which cost me over \$3,000 and in which I had only driven some 2500 miles.

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2. [REDACTED] was assigned by the Office in [REDACTED] to help sell the car. My wife handed the car over in mid-August and he in turn handed it over to a local company for sale. We asked \$2750 but I advised the office by cable through the IG that we would have to accept \$2650 rather than leave the car unsold after my wife's return. The [REDACTED] company got various offers, the best apparently being for \$2600, but before my wife decided to sell for that price, [REDACTED] informed her that the organization was buying the car and was only waiting for authorization from Washington. She then agreed to the terms which were \$2700 and left for the ZI on 1 September. [REDACTED] withdrew the car from the [REDACTED] company and no further negotiations with local buyers were undertaken.

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3. On 4 September 1954, General Counsel telephoned me and advised me that the purchase of the car by the Organization had been approved and that I would receive a draft for \$2700 shortly, unless I preferred payment in some other manner. I agreed to payment by draft. It was clear from this and subsequent conversations I had with the offices of General Counsel and, I believe, of the Inspector General that the sale of the car was an accomplished fact as of the first week in September. Thereupon I canceled the car insurance and bought a car here.

4. I felt no concern over the delay in receiving the draft, since a number of other accounts between the Organization and myself had been left unsettled in connection with the case. On 13 October 1954 I learned that the car had not been bought by the organization.

5. The loss is quite severe for me. I have no idea where the car is, who has custody, whether and how it can be sold elsewhere except at several hundred dollars. further loss, and the car remains completely uninsured. I therefore request that the purchase of the car, made definite on 4 September 1954, be completed and that payment be made in the amount agreed to.

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Signed: [REDACTED]